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## CIRCULATION DURING APRIL.

Charles W. Knapp, General Manager of The St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of April, 1902, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

Date	Copies	Date	Copies
1	108,740	16	109,640
2	108,770	17	111,910
3	108,930	18	111,060
4	108,830	19	113,290
5	111,630	20	117,780
6	116,180	21	112,050
7	108,940	22	111,850
8	109,610	23	111,110
9	109,550	24	111,700
10	109,620	25	112,560
11	109,790	26	113,650
12	111,760	27	117,590
13	117,260	28	112,420
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15	110,830	30	112,030

Total for the month, 3,349,770

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And said Charles W. Knapp further says that the number of copies returned and reported unsold during the month of April was 12,9 per cent.

CHARLES W. KNAPP.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April, 1902.

J. F. FARISH.

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires April 25, 1906.

The St. Louis carrier force of The Republic deliver more than 53,000 copies every day. This is nearly four times as many as any other morning newspaper delivery in St. Louis and more than twice as many as any morning or evening delivery.

## WORLD'S—1904—FAIR.

## A MATTER OF POLITICS.

Shrewd politicians will not fail to observe the difference in the indorsements which were given to President Roosevelt by the Ohio and Kansas Republican conventions. Wisconsin will hardly neglect the opportunity to read between the lines of the resolutions offered in the convention dominated by Senator Hanna.

Any Republican Convention which would fail to indorse the President would be judged guilty of gross negligence. Any delegated body of Republicans who failed to "renew" their allegiance to the administration would be considered on the doubtful list.

But there are indorsements and indorsements. The Kansas Republicans have given the sort which counts for something. They look forward to the time when the Republican party "will march under banners bearing the inscription, 'For President, Theodore Roosevelt'."

Not so with the Ohioans. After describing the President as a fox in his way, they dismiss him with this benediction: "In his frank, able and courageous efforts to protect the public interests, he is entitled to full and unreserved support."

Small wonder that the President has been making concessions to Senator Hanna. This indorsement of the campaign manager bespeaks a danger which the President does not care to court any more than necessary. The increased reliance of Roosevelt on the advice of Hanna and his fellow-workers is explained.

Until Roosevelt can receive indorsements like that which was given by the Kansas convention, he can very properly regard the loyalty of delegates as being dubious. There may not be discretion in the Kansas method, but there is a wholeheartedness which is lacking in the Ohio exhibition. That the President finds it necessary to placate the Ohio brand is not only unfortunate for himself, but also for the good of the country.

## PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

It is hard, indeed, to be so faithfully disappointed, but facts are facts. Every vestige of discord among the Republicans of Missouri is gone. The ranks are forming solidly for the light, friends in sentiment, brothers in purpose, and will move forward to redeem the State in a phalanx of perfect unity.

The united Republicans of Missouri are marching shoulder to shoulder, elbow to elbow, and they will show the Republic how to ring the lobby by knocking out the Democratic ring, as well as those two Senators—Globe-Democrat, May 23.

How delightfully frank. Colonel Bill Phelps, Colonel Dick Kerens and the Globe-Democrat—"Friends in sentiment, brothers in purpose, shoulder to shoulder, elbow to elbow." All united for the lobby.

A beautiful thought with which to go before the people this fall. Yet that is the war cry. The two Republican organs of the State have shouted over the "agreement" with a joy which cannot be feigned, so sincerely vociferous is the acclaim.

Of course, they will show the "Democratic ring" how to knock out the lobby—from the headquarters of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

These editorial expressions are to the point. They leave nothing to misunderstanding. Phelps and Kerens have brought about "harmony." The Republican organs accept the harmony and the method of getting it through the lobby bosses.

They lack in only one thing. The editorials of the two daily organs give simply the agreement and the alleged effect. They fail to tell the essential details surrounding the removal of "every vestige of discord." They fail to state that Phelps and his superior, Cochran, engineered the conference which brought out the announcements. They fail to say that the place of

meeting of the "harmonizers" was the office of the general attorney of the Missouri Pacific.

Yet organs dominated by the lobby know these details and yet shout gladly over the reported "agreement." If the plans could be carried out, the General Assembly would be held by the throat and compelled to do the bidding of the lobby. Colonel Kerens would be sent to the Senate. These Republican newspapers confess that they desire nothing better.

The voters realize that "the ranks are forming solidly for the fight." The Republican party stands pledged to Kerens, Phelps and the two organs to deliver the State into the hands of the lobby. The Democrats stand pledged to crush this plot.

## MARK TWAIN, THE MISSOURIAN.

In conferring upon Mark Twain the degree of Doctor of Laws the Missouri State University has fittingly honored the Missourian who most typically represents in the world of letters the qualities and the temperament that go to make distinctive the influence of the Middle West in the world of the present.

Native strength, what may be called the forcefulness that springs from the soil, is the characteristic possession of the Middle West as contrasted with older sections of the Union. There has been so much constructive work necessary in the development of the West, and so much still remains to be done, that the time of leisure is not yet come. Masterfulness, lacking in polish, is always the notable attribute of a people engaged in the upbuilding of a country. Along with this indomitable trait, a grim humor is invariably in evidence.

The earlier work of Mark Twain, that upon which his fame most surely rests, will be found splendidly historical in the sense that it faithfully portrays the essential genius of the Middle West in its characters and types. This is true alike of "The Innocents Abroad," of "Roughing It," of "The Gilded Age," of "Life on the Mississippi," of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn."

In the first-named book the English-speaking world was set a-lauding by the genuine comedy of a Western American traveler's European experiences. In the others, the atmosphere of unadulterated Americanism in the Middle West, then again for a time extended to the Far West; also for an enlightening period transferred to the Washington of a generation ago, but most of all right here in Missouri and down along the Mississippi Valley, is as perfectly conveyed as is possible to the printed word of a Middle West native.

The humor, the pathos, the picturesque common sense of Mark Twain's best work, exactly reflect the spirit of his earlier environment.

All Missouri can well afford to unite with the State University in paying deserved honor to Mark Twain. This eminent Missourian is, perhaps, the greatest figure of his generation in American literature. And the solid foundation of his just fame is human nature.

He has made us laugh and cry with him because he knows and loves and zestfully portrays that everyday humanity which furnishes the highest theme to the genuine artist in letters.

## GOING TOO FAR.

Kansas City recently gave a fair warning to public service corporations in this State to keep out of politics. It seems, however, that the lesson of that election is unheeded by some of these corporations.

It is not about time for Mr. George Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, to give the people of Missouri some assurance that his great company will hereafter be divorced from politics?

This railway system is one of the most powerful in the State, and is entitled to fair treatment by the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the State Government. The people of the State have no desire to do injustice to any public service corporation.

Mr. Gould and his board ought, however, to see that the time has come when his employees should cease their efforts to control primaries, conventions and elections. A failure to pursue this policy may arouse a storm of public indignation.

Some of the Missouri Pacific officials are trying to play a Warwick role as between the two political parties, seeking revenge on personal enemies through a defeat of Democratic candidates. The railroad company may itself be the one to suffer in the end.

## THE UPSPRINGING OF ST. LOUIS.

No thoughtful person who has maintained a comprehensive view of American development during recent years entertains the faintest feeling of surprise that the city of St. Louis is now attracting so great attention as the logical financial, commercial and railroad center of the American Middle West.

The fact that Pierpont Morgan and other great Eastern capitalists have secured an interest in a big St. Louis bank, that the organizers of vast railway systems are turning to St. Louis as the basis of their operations, especially in the Southwest, that industrial concerns in Eastern States are establishing million-dollar branches in St. Louis, is as consistent as the procession of nature's forces.

These things are coming to pass because the natural advantage enjoyed by St. Louis in geographical location is beginning to be recognized as irresistible.

The St. Louis World's Fair is destined to complete a development which has its sound basis thus established in natural conditions. The international exposition of 1904, the first of the Twentieth Century, will focus the world's attention on St. Louis. European capitalists will follow the lead of American capitalists in bowing to the logic that points to St. Louis as certain to be one of the world's greatest cities.

The next few years are, indeed, to witness the creation of the New St. Louis, a city which, from the date of the holding of the World's Fair, will take rank among the cities that may fitly be classed as world-powers by virtue of their influence in finance, commerce and industry, the material triumvirate that rules the world.

## MORAL FROM MARCONI.

One of those stories which moralists delight to recall has appeared in connection with the Marconi telegraph. The incident is printed in the Utica Observer to illustrate a failing which seems to be as old as humanity.

The Umbria's sister-ship, the Etruria, it will be remembered, lost her screw in midocean last winter. An hour before the Marconi telegraph operators on the two ships were in communication. However, when the accident occurred every effort of the operator on the Etruria to catch the attention of the other on the Umbria failed, as the man had gone below, thinking everything was running smoothly.

What happened? Instead of the Umbria towing the Etruria back to Halifax, which would have been done with little expense had communication been secured, the screwless ship was picked up as salvage worth \$350,000 to the towboat which found her. The passengers were taken to the Azores, thus causing an inconvenience the monetary value of which can hardly be estimated.

All because the operator on the Umbria did not do his duty and remain with his Marconi instrument. Carelessness, misjudgment or desertion—call it what you will—the result was the same. An hour's longer time near his instrument would have saved money and time. That the amount of money was so large emphasizes the negligence of the man.

Yet the same thing occurs in every walk of life. The youth who is continually finding the short way out of work may not have such responsibilities attached

ing to his position, but too often he slights the simplest duty which confronts him. The few minutes of extra exertion are a margin which he passes.

Seeking his own comfort, the slipshod worker permits fickle chance to safeguard his future. Sometimes good fortune prevents discovery, but the energies dissipated in escaping a performance of duty bring ultimate humiliation and loss. Of the making of excuses there is no end, but such results as those which followed the neglect of the Marconi operator on the Umbria tell the story of life.

## ST. LOUIS GROWTH IN ART.

St. Louis has reason for genuine satisfaction at the showing made in the report of the local chapter of the Society of Western Artists, proving in the most conclusive manner that there has been a marked increase of interest in the annual exhibits of paintings and an especially notable increase in the sales of pictures.

The recent exhibition of this society in St. Louis was peculiarly gratifying in these essentials. The local chapter reports that there was an attendance of over 5,000, and that the number of pictures sold in St. Louis was greater than has ever been known before. The fact was made refreshingly plain that St. Louis may not now be classed among those cities whose people are indifferent to art matters.

Unquestionably, also, there must be a far greater growth in this direction during the next few years. Developments incidental to the World's Fair will tend to create an interest in the better and higher things of life, the art side, which would not otherwise be of so early growth. We shall be in local touch with the best work of all countries. This cannot but stimulate our artists to their own best endeavor, and our public to a proper appreciation of this endeavor and its consequent achievement.

Senator Burton of Kansas was "turned down" at the Kansas Republican State Convention, after a brief recognition as boss, lasting about one year. He was elected as the representative of the "boss-busters." His chief cry was "Down with the barons!" It is a poor rule which falls to work both ways. His failure to give jobs to enough of his old supporters is said to be the cause of his undoing. The people in and out of Kansas will see where.

Enthusiastic St. Louis Frenchmen will welcome the Rochambeau-Lafayette party just as enthusiastically St. Louis Germans welcomed the Prince Henry of Prussia party. There's nothing like being a cosmopolitan city—and the transition from "Die Wacht am Rhein" to "La Marseillaise" can be made by St. Louis without missing a note or slurring an accent. And our German-Americans will be among the most earnest participants.

## RECENT COMMENT.

Is Absentmindedness Indicative of Mental Failure? American Medicine.

This question is suggested by such facts as the large number of unaddressed letters posted each year. An English contemporary cites in evidence the official list of articles left in one year in the London cabs and omnibuses. It includes 50 canes, 15,000 umbrellas, 267 rugs, 72 opera-glasses, 925 articles of jewelry, 189 watches, 323 purses, besides dogs, birds, cats, etc. The list seems like a pretty severe indictment of the mental qualities of the modern city dweller, and if the half-paginated newspaper reporter happens to see it, he will undoubtedly send off a harrowing syndicate letter to all the Sunday editors on this alarming demonstration of mental degeneracy of the Twentieth Century man. Even our medical contemporaries suggest the advisability of those who ride in omnibuses and who forget things consulting a physician. The more marvelous thing, however, is that they do not forget far more often than they do. Civilization has suddenly increased a thousandfold the necessary and synchronous preoccupations of the mind. Singleness of attention before our time of bewildering interests and duties. Not to have learned the trick of paying in the attention at one instant such a multitude of objects is certainly not a demonstration of mental failure, but rather of non-achievement of attention.

Big the more convincing proof of the actual triviality of the amount of forgetfulness is shown by the comparison of the number of memory slips of the Londoner with the number who ride in omnibuses and other public carriages. Let us double the number of lost articles, and put the total at 50,000; if we roughly estimate the number of rides each day in London as at least on the average one for each twentieth citizen, we calculate that in a year there are surely as many as 100,000 forgetful trips made. Consequently, on the average, a person forgets some article once in about every 2,200 trips taken. The alarmist advice of consultation of an alienist for such failures of memory would probably smile at this evidence of his own mental failure.

## Rough on Mark Twain.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Chauncey M. Depew, the Senator from New York, and Samuel L. Clemens, the humorist, were crossing the ocean on the same steamer. One evening, after dinner, it was suggested that, following the time-honored custom in the United States, the diners make speeches. Mr. Clemens made a characteristic address, such as might have been expected from one whose writings are so well known under the nom de plume of Mark Twain.

"It was understood," said Senator Depew, when called upon to speak, "that Mr. Clemens and I should write out our speeches for this occasion in advance and then exchange manuscripts. We have done so, but I regret to say that I have forgotten Mr. Clemens's speech."

The Senator then took his seat. His auditors roared in appreciation of the joke.

The next day an Englishman met Mr. Clemens on deck.

"I say," he remarked, "I have always heard that Senator Depew was remarkably clever, but what wretched drift of his that you were obliged to recite last night."

## Republican Unification.

Boonville (Mo.) Democrat.

The Ingratiation of the Republican party in Cooper County was again illustrated in the Republican Convention held this week. The township convention here was stocked and manipulated for the express purpose of again setting down on certain Republicans, who for many years have devoted their time, energy and money to the upbuilding of their party in this county, and it was done to a queen's taste. Even the least sanguine "Eliminator" was hilaire over the completeness of the "squench."

The far-reaching effect of this vicious habit, made by the so-called "younger blood," can be seen when it is realized that it is being made on the older element of the party, the men who have been in control and worked the party up from a disorganized and headless rabble to its present condition. The feeling of these men can be easily imagined when they thus have their hands ruthlessly plucked from the helm of the party.

## Public Conscience Awake.

Clinton (Mo.) Tribune.

St. Louis is making a strenuous effort to clean out the rascals in high places in her municipal polity. Julius Lehmann has been adjudged guilty of perjury, and a jury returned a verdict assessing his punishment at two years in the Penitentiary. He was released on a bond of \$10,000 pending an appeal of his case to the State Supreme Court. Lehmann was a former member of the House of Delegates of the city of St. Louis. There are other rascals to try. Lehmann's conviction has struck terror to the whole crowd. The attorney for the defense said it is impossible to secure a fair trial in the bribery cases, because the public prejudice is so strong; which should be regarded as a healthy sign. When the public conscience is stilled the biggest rascals go scot free.

## Defects Can Be Corrected.

Beaumont (Tex.) Investigator.

There are wells to-day that throw a stream of oil approximately as strong as ever, and many others that show even greater pressure than when brought in, from eight to twelve months ago. There are others that show a remarkable diminution in pressure, due to their having been either improperly drilled or brought in from a stratum of oil or defect in casing. In a great many instances these defects can be corrected and the wells be made as heavy producers as any in the field.

## POPULAR GUEST FROM BUFFALO.



MRS. ARCHIBALD HAZARD  
Of Buffalo, who is visiting in St. Louis. Mrs. Hazard was Miss Mary Alice McLaran.

## MISS ELLA BEERS TO WED JACK CRAWFORD.

News was received in St. Louis yesterday that the engagement of Miss Ella Beers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Beers of this city, to Mr. Jack Crawford, had been announced in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Beers, with Miss Beers, have been in New York for the last fortnight. Mr. Crawford formerly lived in St. Louis, and is well known here. Three years ago he moved to New York and entered business there. The couple, when married, will make their home in the East.

No date has been set for the wedding, but it is understood that it will take place early in autumn.

Miss Reed, No. 429 Washington boulevard, entertained Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Nem Shumway of Taylorville, Ill., and Miss Florence Solis of Olney, Ill., who have been students at Forest Park University.

Miss Reed was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Anna Kinsinger. Lunch was served by a local caterer and an orchestra was stationed in an alcove in the dining-room. The decorations were in blue and white, carnations and ferns being used in decorating the tables at which the guests were seated.

Those present were: Misses—Nem Shumway, Florence Solis, Nancy Coyne, Lucy Calhoun, Emma Albani, Thomas S. Loy, Harry H. Hansen, Jr., Franklin J. Peters, John A. Naughton, Emilie Albani.

ETAOI—William M. Plant, Gus C. Hugh, W. L. Jones, W. H. Meyer, R. R. Hill, H. J. Cantwell and H. H. Culon, all of Hotel Monticello, have organized the Monticello Tennis Club to hold a series of contests in the season. The new club has prepared spacious quadruple court opposite the park at West Pine boulevard and the first series of contests will open next Monday afternoon.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

The engagement of Miss Alice Le Quay and Chauncey L. Beynon has been announced. The wedding will take place at the home of the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Le Quay of Kensington avenue, in August.

Mrs. Archibald Hazard of Buffalo, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. McLaran, at the McLaran country place. Mrs. Hazard will visit in St. Louis for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Stone have sent out cards for the marriage of their daughter, Jasmine Elison, to Mr. William Thacher Van Dresher on Tuesday, June 3d, at 12 o'clock, Church of the Messiah.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Martin, No. 323 Bartmer avenue, have returned from a Western trip and will be at home to their friends on the first and third Tuesdays after June 1.

Mrs. Andrew J. McCarthy will depart for New York next week, sailing for Europe on Saturday, May 31.

Mrs. Jennie McKelvey of Clifton place has returned from New York City, where she has been visiting her sister since March.

Mrs. Hans J. Schuster, No. 42 Nicholson place, departed Wednesday morning for a three weeks' visit to Mrs. John Dausman of Evansville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hummert, No. 324 Cates avenue, have gone for a trip to Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Colorado Springs.

Miss Anna Reynolds of Brentwood, Mo., accompanied by her cousin, Miss Margaret Collins, of this city, departed last night for Louisville, Ky., where they will attend the wedding of their cousin, Mr. Arthur Perry of that city, to Miss Ethel Allen of Richmond, Ky., a suburb of Louisville. Miss Collins and Miss Reynolds will attend the bride as maids of honor.

## FLOODS IN THE TERRITORY.

Okla. City, Ok., May 29.—The unprecedented rains of the past three days in the western half of Oklahoma are causing serious floods. The Washita River rose nearly two feet last night and is still coming up. The Rock Island track between Andover and Lakota was washed out and trains stalled.

At El Reno, where the North Canadian River is at the highest point ever known and is still rising, the bridge has been washed out. At Bridgeport, the South Canadian River has overflowed the valley lands and the railway bridge is in danger.

A good portion of Grover County, where five inches of rain has fallen in three days, is flooded, and at Weatherford the Washita River is a mile wide. The damage to crops and railways will be heavy.

## FLOOD THREATENS WICHITA.

Wichita, Kan., May 29.—Two floods, aggregating fifteen feet of water, are coming down the Arkansas River, and the people in Northern Kansas are becoming alarmed.

The first flood passed Dodge City at 12:30 to-day, and is coming on one hour later at water five feet high. It is due in Wichita at 8 o'clock to-morrow. The second flood is coming in a wave ten feet high and passed Garden City at 2:30 o'clock. The river here will not be able to carry the water if a threatened rain to-night falls.

## Rock Island Bridge Washed Away.

Rock Island, Kan., May 29.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway bridge over the Beaver River, thirty-five miles southwest of Liberal, was washed out last night and all travel over the road is suspended. Heavy rains here and to the west last night, swelling several streams.

## Carlyle High School Commencement.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlyle, Ill., May 29.—The annual commencement exercises of the Carlyle High School were held in the opera-house this evening. Miss Edna Johnson was salutatorian. Miss Ruby Allen was valedictorian. The other graduates were Misses Martha Ruff, Cora Keyser, Olivia Menkhous and Sophia Donaldson.

## FROM THE GREAT POETS.

## THE REAPER AND THE FLOWERS.

BY LONGFELLOW.

This poem was published in 1820, with others, in a volume called "Voices of the Night." Most of the contents of that volume already had appeared in the Knickerbocker Magazine.

HERE is a Reaper, whose name is Death,  
And with his sickle keen,  
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,  
And the flowers that grow between.

"Shall I have naught that is fair?" saith he:  
"Have naught but the bearded grain!"  
Though the breath of these flowers is sweet to me,  
I will give them all back again."

He gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes,  
He kissed their drooping leaves;  
It was for the Lord of Paradise  
He bound them in his sheaves.

"My Lord has need of these flowers to gay,"  
The Reaper said, and smiled:  
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,  
Where he was once a child."

"They shall all bloom in fields of light,  
Transplanted by my care,  
And saints upon their garments white,  
These sacred blossoms wear."

And the mother gave, in tears and pain,  
The flowers she most did love;  
She knew she should find them all again  
In the fields of light above.

O, not in cruelty, not in wrath,  
The Reaper came that day;  
'Twas an angel visited the green earth,  
And took the flowers away.

## WIFE ATTACHES THE ESTATE.

Missouri Woman Wants Service and Division of Property.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cambridge, Mass., May 29.—Mrs. Helen Cowdry of Wakefield, Mass., in a suit for divorce and alimony